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The Treasury Department has been studying the problem with reference to small coins which has been raised by the recent enactment of sales taxes in a number of States. Where such taxes are on a straight percentage basis, as many of them are, there is the problem of providing some means to enable purchasers to pay the exact amount of the tax on small purchases or for making change in such cases.

A number of States are considering the coinage of pieces to meet this need and it is the belief of the Treasury Department that, if this thing is to be done, the Federal Government should do it. Representatives of the Department have been discussing with the appropriate committees of the Congress the possibility of legislation authorizing the coinage of 5 mill and 1 mill coins.